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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were lower on all sizes. Prices were unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was mostly barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, instances good where features were available. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate or available offerings. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the light demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was barely steady with a cautious undertone. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate or available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the only fair demand. Breaking schedules were regular to overtime for the upcoming week. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the light demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was generally moderate to light. Supplies were fully sufficient for present needs.

MIDWEST Large and medium prices to producers in lowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower, smalls unchanged. Prices in other areas unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was fair at best. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with buyers very selective. Offerings were adequate or available with offers of lighter weight product increasing in availability. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes declined 2 cents. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets ranged from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, next week's prices were trending unchanged on small, but lower on the balance. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Light type hens were more than sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

<u>WEST COAST</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1-2 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM					
NORTHEAST CITIES								
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-94	56-60					
New York	65-69	63-67	45-49					
Philadelphia	63-68	62-66	44-49					
SOUTHERN CITIES								
Atlanta (1) (2)	56.5-63	54.5-58	38-41					
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42					
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-78	63-73	50-60					
MIDWEST CITIES								
Chicago	54-58	52-56	37-41					
Detroit (2)	52-57	51-55	39-43					
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-58	53-56	37-41					
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	54-60	39-44					
WESTERN CITIES								
Houston (1)	75-77	72-74	59-61					
Southern California (Grade A	A)(4) 77-86	75-78	61-64					
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	96	88	74					
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - R	(3) - Reported Invoice prices						
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - P	(4) - Prices to Retailers						

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, medium 20 pack 149.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect dis-

counts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN. RANGE
JUMBO 79-99
EXTRA LARGE 77-86
LARGE 75-78
MEDIUM 61-64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE

JUMBO	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-299
LARGE	199-219
MEDILIM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and very selective. Offerings were adequate or available with lighter weight shell eggs beginning to be shown for sale on a more regular basis at this call. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE
NEST RUN 36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 22-27
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to early week's trading. Demand was only fair. Supplies were adequate for regular to overtime breaking schedules. The undertone was unsettled and cautious. Cases broken in the Eastern region decreased 1 percent when compared to both the previous week and the same week a year ago.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-39	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-29	23-26
FASTERN REGION AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -21-Sep-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

(LDC		J () (1 4	DO) (LAGE	ODLOIN	CITEDIEI	110)	
	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,250	,922	28,580	12,157	6,458	3,094	4,304
PW	1,291	,183	30,177	12,317	6,861	3,040	4,702
LY	1,271	,236	28,739	12,758	6,725	2,811	4,207
% CH	G PW	-3	-5	-1	-6	2	-8
% CH	G LY	-2	-1	-5	-4	10	2
2002	45,833	,519	1,065,555	442,411	237,759	109,483	162,774
2001	43,763	,207	994,198	439,375	235,208	96,107	156,067
% CH	G YTD	5	7	1	1	14	4
				CURR	FNT P	REVIOUS	LAST

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.17	41.87	41.24
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	37.73	38.22	37.93

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 75 to 81.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 14 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and cautiously steady for yolk. Demand was moderate for whole egg, moderate to fairly good for whites, and irregular for yolk as interest in raw yolk had somewhat waned when compared to last week's brisk demand. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whites and adequate on the balance of liquid. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 27 September, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	32-34	32.90	10
WHITES	22	9.5-15	10.80	53
YOLKS	10	78-80	78.70	03

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were slightly higher on sugar yolk, unchanged to slightly lower on salt yolk, and unchanged on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was somewhat unsettled on salt yolks, but generally steady on the remainder of items. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate on whole and usually adequate on other items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 21, 2002 were 2% lower than the previous week and 5% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

LTL

	IRUCKLUIS	(IVIIIVI, Z5 C	JONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-46	42-44	51-55
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-85
WHITES	22-32	22-24	27-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43%	SOLIDS) 83-87	83-86	89-93
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SO	OLIDS) 78-84	78-80	85-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLU	S SWEETENER	, GENERAL	LY 28-32%
EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, whites and salt yolk prices ranged unchanged with sugared yolk ranging 1 to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of frozen products. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for all products with demand mostly moderate. A few processors were packing ahead as current spot sales were rather quiet with inventories reported as building in many locations. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

TRUCKI OTS

CONTINUENCE)	THOUND	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-45	42-44
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	83-86	83-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-81	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents higher on yolks, unchanged on whole and whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/21 was 2% less than the previous week. Demand was fair and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	50-53
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	89-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	85-88

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whole, but unchanged to lower on yolk and albumen when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was steady with some caution noted. Supplies were fully adequate for albumen and adequate on the remainder of products. Demand was light to moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 21, 2002 were 2% higher than last week and 10% more than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 14% higher than last year. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.53-1.85 MOSTLY1.65-1.75	
YOLKS	1.90-2.25 MOSTLY1.95-2.00	
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.56-2.00 MOSTLY1.63-1.70	
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER	R)1.25-1.35 MOSTLY1.30-1.35	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 20, 2002-SEP 26, 2002															
CURRENT	LOADS	84.5	0			FUTUR	E LOADS	66.75		TOTA	AL LOAD	S [*]	151.25		
		SE	1	NE	IV	IW			5	SC	N\	W	SI	N	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	38.33	41.00	38.00	42.63	45.83	46.75	21.00	GNR W 1	46.25	_	_	_	_	_	2.00
GNR W 2		42.00	_	42.00	42.25	42.33	14.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	65.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	_	_	44.00	45.00	_	_	2.00	GL W J	_	_	_	_	_	63.50	2.00
GL W J		_	_	_	52.50	_	2.00	GL W XL	47.00	52.00	_	_	_	55.47	13.00
GL W XL		54.00	49.42	52.01	45.13	48.00	45.50	GL W LG	_	53.67	_	_	_	52.05	14.50
GL W LG	_	55.00	48.50	48.58	42.44	44.80	22.25	GL W MD	34.00	36.00	_	_	39.00	41.00	9.00
GL W MD		35.00	28.33	31.00	31.25	34.05	10.75	GL W SM	19.25	20.25	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W SM	21.38	23.56	19.69	21.58	_	_	11.75	GL BR XL	52.00	_	_	_	_	62.00	.25
GL BR J		_	_	66.00	_	_	.50	GL BR LG	54.00	_	_	_	_	64.00	.75
GL BR XL	_	_	_	63.00	_	_	.25								
GL BR LG	_	_	_	61.00	_	_	1.00								
NRBS - 48	34.63	_	_	_	41.50	38.31	48.00								
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.00								
NRBS - 42	_	_	25.00	27.00	32.75	30.50	4.00								
NRBS - 39	22.88	24.00			_	26.78	14.00								
NRBS - 36	_	_	22.00	_	_	25.00	.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal with offerings increasing in availability. Demand was light and unaggressive. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Offerings of light fowl were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair with schedules normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE		MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)	
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0	(2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loa	ding	
(TFEWR) TOO FEW	/ TO REPORT		

<u>SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA</u> FOR WEEK ENDING 27-SEPT-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	67.08	65.20	47.93
SOUTHERN	65.36	61.26	46.14
MIDWEST	56.54	54.85	40.33
WESTERN	85.89	80.08	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	71.26	67.82	52.67
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE	WEEKLY AVE	RAGES WEI	GHTED BY
METROPOLITAN AREA PO	PULATIONS.		

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners; unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Offerings were generally sufficient for current inquiry. The undertone was at least steady on heavies; steady on lights.

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	29-36 MAJORITY 30-31
CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS	S, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 5 MA IORITY 22-22 5	31-38 MAJORITY 31-33

LIVE POULTRY SLTRE (PRELIMINARY)	UNDER INSPEC		21-Sep-02	
(PRELIIVIIINART)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	ALL I
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS	
HEAD	1,851	1,672	3,523	
LAST WEEK	1,622	1,672	3,294	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,004	1,438	3,442	
TO-DATE/2002	66,519	52,906	119,425	
TO-DATE/2001	67,340	52,477	119,817	
	U.S. FOWL S	SLAUGHTER	RED IN CANA	ADA
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS	
HEAD	267	13	280	
LAST WEEK	410	13	423	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	468	7	475	
TO-DATE/2002	11,701	257	11,958	
*'TO-DATE/2001	16,552	247	16,799	

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

*TO DATE 2001 TOTAL ADJUSTED.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS	
HEAD	2,118	1,685	3,803	
LAST WEEK	2,032	1,685	3,717	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,472	1,445	3,917	
TO-DATE/2002	78,220	53,163	131,383	
TO-DATE/2001	83,892	52,724	136,616	

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade				
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in I	Pounds (000)	(Preliminary)	
Week Ending Se	eptember 14	, 2002	Year	r-To-Date
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	456	231	18,542	8,249
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	91	0	655	40
Total	547	231	19,218	8,367
U.S. Imports Fro	om Canada,	in Pounds (00	00) (Prelimina	ary)
Week Ending Se	eptember 14	, 2002	Year	r-To-Date
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	164	131	4,701	3,868
Frozen	17	70	2,487	1,073
Dried	160	12	3,828	485

213

11,016

5,426

Inspected Shell Eggs

Total

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

341

Week Ending September 14, 2002			Ye	ar-To-Date
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	33	0	1,546	87
Extra Large	1,230	3,123	25,183	48,812
Large	2,825	2,318	92,283	90,552
Medium	1,230	0	35,933	33,868
Ungraded	19,230	14,880	223,375	280,250
Misc	0	900	13,692	67,220
Total	24,548	21,221	392,012	520,789
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/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSINPRICESPAID TO PRODUCERS,LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).CENTS PER DOZENLARGEMEDIUMSMALL33-3619-236-9

<u>**DETROIT**</u> PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
58-68	52-55	49-54	36-40	23-27

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	82-85	72-75	37-40	19-22

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

(11102		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	09/23/02	2,071	209,225	76,665
AM	09/01/02	2,514	216,327	71,124
CHG		-443	-7102	5541
PCT C	HG	-18%	-3%	8%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS	AIL CHANNELS	W/E	21-Sep-02	
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT (CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THO	USANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.2	21.6	-6	-6
BOSTON	3.6	3.3	9	-8
CHICAGO	44.3	50.3	-12	-1
DETROIT	24.2	22.2	9	-15
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.0	40	70
LOSANGELES	83.3	87.0	-4	-23
NEW ORLEANS	7.7	9.2	-16	-9
NEW YORK	31.5	32.1	-2	-13
ST. LOUIS	18.8	15.2	24	9
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0	20.6	7	-1
TOTAL	261.2	265.5	-2	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	265.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT	W/E 21-Sep-02
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)	•

•	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	221.2	1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	593.7	7	9
W.N. CENTRAL	291.5	3	0
S. ATLANTIC	189.7	-1	9
S. CENTRAL	84.5	-1	5
WEST	187.3	-5	-6
TOTAL	1567.9	3	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG SEPTEMBER 24, 2002. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

EXT MAINE MOSTLY	TRA LARGE 115 -	LARGE 106	MEDIUM 72 -	SMALL 52
NEW HAMPSHIRE	108-112	99-103	65-69	45-49
MOSTLY	110-111	101-102	67-68	47-48
RHODE ISLAND	114-118	105-109	71-75	51-55
MOSTLY	114	105	71	51
VERMONT	115-118	109-110	75	-
MOSTLY	118	109	-	

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